

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Filed : Herewith  
For : METHOD FOR OPERATING A VIDEO PROCESSING  
APPARATUS VIA AN ELECTRONIC MAIL MESSAGE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the US national phase application of PCT/US99/30632 filed  
herewith, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On Page 1 (which is the annex of the International Preliminary  
Examination Report), line 3, insert the following paragraph:

-- This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional  
application serial no. 60/114,076 filed December 28, 1998, which is hereby  
incorporated herein by reference, and which claims the benefit under 35  
U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/US99/30632, filed December  
22, 1999, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on July  
6, 2000 in English.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 (which are from the annexes of  
the International Preliminary Examination Report) as follows. (A marked-up  
version of the amended claims is attached herewith.) Claims 3-8 (from the  
annexes) are enclosed for your convenience